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SUBJ: UNESCO DRAFT DECLARATION ON MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES

REF: A) STATE 64358; B) BERN 1280

1. SUMMARY: PAUL STAUFFER OF SWISS POLITICAL DEPT
APR 6 TOLD EMBOFF UNESCO DG M'BOW VISITED SWITZERLAND
MAR 29 TO APR 1. DURING OFFICIAL VISIT BERN
MAR 30 M'BOW MET WITH FED COUNCILORS AUBERT (FONMIN)
AND HUERLIMANN (INTERIOR DEPT); ALSO AMB HEIMO, DIR
OF SWISS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER RELIEF.
M'BOW MAR 31 ATTENDED TEACHERS CONF AT
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LUCERN, PARTICIPATED IN SWISS UNESCO COMMISSION
GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND PRESIDED OVER OPENING OF UNESCO
EXHIBIT ON LATIN AMERICAN ART IN ZUG. END SUMMARY.

2. STAUFFER SAID IN MEETING WITH M'BOW, AUBERT
EXPRESSED SWISS CONCERN OVER DELAY IN PRODUCING
AUTHORITIATIVE DRAFT TEXT; ASKED WHETHER M'BOW PLANS

RELEASE TEXT BEFORE OCT 1978 GENERAL CONFERENCE.
M'BOW REPLIED THAT SECRETARIAT STAFF IS WORKING ON
SEVERAL TEXTS BUT M'BOW CLAIMED TO BE UNFAMILIAR
WITH DETAILS. M'BOW SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE
BEST TO DELAY PRODUCING DRAFT UNTIL COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNICATIONS HEADED BY SHEAN MCBRIDE HAS TIME TO
COMPLETE ITS PARALLEL WORK. STAUFFER BELIEVED THAT
WOULD MEAN POSTPONING ENTIRE ISSUE AT LEAST UNTIL
1980 GENL CONF AND THAT M'BOW MIGHT THEN TRY
TO COME UP WITH ANOTHER DELAYING TACTIC.

3. STAUFFER THOUGHT M'BOW'S REMARKS CLEARLY
INDICATED HE HAD TAKEN US DEMARCHE TO HEART.
BELIEVED M'BOW IS ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE TO US VIEWS
AFTER NORMALIZATION OF US/UNESCO RELATIONS. STRESSED
THAT UNESCO HAD EXPERIENCED FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES
WHEN US WITHHELD CONTRIBUTIONS; NOTED US
WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO ADDED WEIGHT TO ANY US EXPRESSION
OF DISSATISFACTION WITH UNESCO'S ACTIVITIES.
STAUFFER RECOGNIZED THERE MIGHT BE EFFORT BY EAST
EUROPEANS TO PUSH FOR ADOPTION OF DECLARATION AT
GENL CONF BUT FELT US INFLUENCE WITH WEST
EUROPEANS AND M'BOW'S WITH AFRICANS COULD PREVAIL
IN POSTPONING ISSUE, IF THAT IS APPROACH DESIRED.

4. M'BOW TOLD SWISS HE IS DETERMINED PRESS
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ROMANIAN GOVT TO RELEASE DETAINED ROMANIAN UNESCO
OFFICIAL. M'BOW REJECTED LETTER OF RESIGNATION GOR
SAID OFFICIAL SIGNED WILLINGLY. M'BOW INSISTS ON
PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF DETAINED OFFICIAL TO PRESENT
RESIGNATION WHICH GOR SO FAR UNWILLING TO PERMIT.

5. PRESS AND TV COVERAGE OF M'BOW VISIT WAS LOW
KEY AND LIMITED TO DESCRIBING HIS SCHEDULE, UNESCO'S
ACTIVITIES, AND REPORTING THAT STATEMENTS BY
OFFICIAL SWISS STRESSED NEED FOR ROLE OF CULTURAL
AND HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS IN DEVELOPMENT.
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